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Dear Governor Cooper:

I hope you are well. I am writing to express concerns about the Atlantic Coast Pipeline that is planned to come through rural North Carolina, and in particular through family lands that are used for farming in Johnston County. Besides having a personal connection to this beautiful land, having grown up in Johnston County and lived my whole life in North Carolina, I am concerned for the health of our state's water and natural resources. I applaud your recent efforts to ban fracking off the North Carolina coast, and am hopeful that you can recognize the same risks that a huge pipeline would pose to lands and water sources in Eastern North Carolina. While the state is already criss-crossed with countless small pipelines, a pipeline of the size and magnitude that the ACP companies plan is unprecedented in the state. The pipeline would be over three feet in diameter, whereas most pipelines are only a few inches. This pipeline is expected to leak and will be crossing all the major rivers in Eastern North Carolina. I implore you to use your executive powers as Governor of the State to at the very least hold Dominion and the other ACP companies to the highest of environmental protection standards, and request that you deny any water permits requested by the pipeline companies. Thank you for your time and your commitment to our state's well-being.

Sincerely,
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